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TO: Board Members

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DATE: October 29, 2013

SUBJECT: Briefing and discussion on progress of the Stakeholder Committee for establishing uniform standards for prioritization of regional water plan projects.

ACTION REQUESTED

No action is required. Board staff is expected to discuss the status of and issues related to establishment of uniform criteria for prioritizing regional water plan projects.

Attachment A: Summary of Progress of the HB 4 Stakeholder Committee

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To provide leadership, planning, financial assistance, information, and education for the conservation and responsible development of water for Texas

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Summary of Progress of the HB 4 Stakeholder Committee

As of November 3, 2013, the Stakeholder Committee has, among other things:

- agreed on how they will operate and how they will make decisions as a group;
- set a future meeting schedule, and;
- begun to develop the uniform standards in the form of sub-criteria (referred to by the members as “considerations”) under the five overarching criteria that are required to be considered under HB 4 as summarized in Table 1.

Table 1:

Approximate count of draft items developed by the Stakeholder Committee

HB 4 Criteria <i>(Grouping)</i>	number of detailed uniform standards <i>(sub-criteria)</i>	number of scoring methods and associated scales <i>(required for each sub-criteria)</i>
Decade of Need	3	0
Feasibility	4	0
Viability	0	0
Sustainability	0	0
Cost Effectiveness	0	0

Remaining work to be performed by the Stakeholder Committee:

- 1) Finalize the wording of the four sub-criteria under the Feasibility criteria.
- 2) Develop sub-criteria for the remaining three of the five HB 4 required criteria.
- 3) Develop scales and scoring methods for each of the sub-criteria.
- 4) Consider establishing relative weighting between HB 4 criteria.
- 5) Establish method (e.g., spreadsheet mechanics) for calculating overall project scores based on sub-criteria scores and weightings.
- 6) Beta Test the uniform standards and modify if appropriate.
- 7) Prepare and approve the full contents of the deliverable to TWDB by December 1, 2013.